cleared by the Supreme Court shall be binding on all Courts within the territory of India.

Security Cover to Individuals

1251. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of individuals provided with security cover every year since 1991-92 on the ground of perceived threat to their lives from various militant groups;

(b) the number of cases where the threat has been perceived by official agencies as distinguished from those other cases where security has been granted at the request of the individuals themselves;

(c) the procedure for periodical review of such provisions of security arrangements; and

(d) the expenditure incurred in each year since 1991-92 for providing such security cover separately for the two categories mentioned above.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Security is provided to individuals on the basis of perceived level of threat as per the assessment of the security agencies. Requests for security are considered by the Government and security is provided where considered necessary based on perceived level of threat. The need for security and scale of security arrangements are reviewed periodically. This is a continuing exercise. Since, the security arrangements are modified/withdrawn as warranted from time to time, the number of protectees does not remain the same during the year. It is, therefore, not possible to give any exact figure of the number of protectees in a particular year.

As at present, Delhi Police is providing security to 459 individuals.

(d) The expenditure incurred by Delhi Police for providing the security are as follws:—

Year	Expenditure
1991	Rs. 13.67 Crores
1992-93	Rs. 14.51 Crores
1993-94	Rs. 18.56 Crores
1994-95	Rs. 18.42 Crores
1995-96	Rs. 19.11 Crores
1996-97 (upto 31st Jan. 1997)	Rs. 18.65 Crores

Increase in Militancy in Jammu and Kashmir

1252. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the militancy has increased in Jammu and Kashmir considerably;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures Government propose to take to combat this menace in an effective manner especially in view of the fact that there has been a change of Government in Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) It is not correct to say that militancy has increased in Jammu and Kashmir, although efforts continue to be made by elements sponsored and supported from across the border to keep up violence in the State. The Government both at the Centre, and State levels, are maintaining a close watch on the situation and taking necessary measures on a continuing basis to see that complete and abiding peace can be brought about in the State at the earliest.

पूर्वी और पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों में उग्रवाद

1253. **श्री जनार्दन यादव:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या देश में आतंकवादियों द्वारा नागरिक मारे जा रहे हैं;

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